



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service  
Sacramento Fish & Wildlife Office  
Species Account  
KENWOOD MARSH CHECKERMALLOW  
*Sidalcea oregana* ssp. *valida*



**CLASSIFICATION:** Endangered

Federal Register Notice 62:54791; October 22, 1997  
[http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/federal\\_register/fr3169.pdf](http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/federal_register/fr3169.pdf)  
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**STATE LISTING STATUS AND CNPS CODE:**

This species was listed as endangered by the California Department of Fish and Game in January 1982 under the name Kenwood Marsh checkerbloom. The California Native Plant Society has placed it on List 1B (rare or endangered throughout its range), also as checkerbloom.

**CRITICAL HABITAT:** None designated

**RECOVERY PLAN:** None

**5-YEAR REVIEW:** Completed June 15, 2009. No change recommended.

[http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/five\\_year\\_review/doc2603.pdf](http://ecos.fws.gov/docs/five_year_review/doc2603.pdf)  
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Kenwood Marsh Checkermallow  
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**DESCRIPTION:**

Kenwood Marsh checkermallow, also known as Kenwood Marsh checkerbloom, is a perennial herb in the mallow family (Malvaceae). The plants are 0.9 to 1.2 meters (3-4 feet) tall with rounded leaves. Lower leaves are shallowly lobed and toothed. Upper leaves become increasingly deeply and narrowly lobed. Uppermost leaves are generally smaller and divided into three to five long, narrow segments.

Flowers appear from late June to September. The inflorescence consists of densely flowered, spike-like stems that are 2 to 5 centimeters (0.8-2 inches) long. The petals are approximately 1.25 centimeters (0.5 inch) long, notched at the tip, and deep pink-mauve. See Jepson Manual, below, for a more detailed description.

**DISTRIBUTION:**

The plant inhabits freshwater marshes about 150 meters (490 feet) in elevation, at Kenwood Marsh and Knight's Valley, Sonoma County.

U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 Minute Quads: Kenwood (501A) 3812245, Mount St. Helena (517B) 3812266

## THREATS:

Kenwood Marsh checkermallow is threatened by changes in hydrology, grazing, encroachment by other plants, and the possibility of development and habitat destruction. Deerfield Ranch Winery, owner of one location, has started a [society](#) to protect the species.

## REFERENCES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

### General references about California plants

[www.fws.gov/sacramento/es/plant\\_spp\\_accts/plant\\_references.htm](http://www.fws.gov/sacramento/es/plant_spp_accts/plant_references.htm)

The Jepson Manual: Higher Plants of California. This is the standard reference about California plants. The Manual is available in an [online version](#). See also the [Jepson Online Interchange](#) for updates.

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